

Roanoke, Town of  
(Craig Store) (Post Store)  
Roanoke  
Lewis County  
West Virginia

HABS No. WV-209-K

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Location: Roanoke, West Virginia.

Elevation: ca. 1060'.

UTM References as given on the National Register of Historic Places Nomination form:

Zone: 17

Easting: 544020

Northing: 4309070

U.S.G.S. Map: Roanoke, West Virginia, 7.5' (1966 edition, photo revised 1979).

Present Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Present Occupant: none.

Present Use: none.

Construction Date: ca. 1912.

Informants: Bertha Brinkley; Freda Fisher; Gordon and Nell Hall; Oliver "Peck" Posey; Lawrence G. Smith.

Historical Information: As in nearly all of Roanoke, West Virginia, and as in the case of all of the properties within the Roanoke National Register of Historic Places District, the lot on which the Post store stands was sold by Joseph Hall from a larger tract of land that he owned. In 1873, William Godfrey and Draper Mitchell purchased a 4 acre parcel from Hall on which they intended to construct a gristmill (See Historical Information for HABS No. WV-209-L for a longer discussion of this topic.) In turn, they sold a portion of their 4 acres (Lot 4) to Isaac Waldo ca. 1874. It is not until the year 1882 that the tax records reflect the existence of any improvements on Lot 4, however. For the following 16 years, the owner was taxed for improvements. Shortly after the turn of the 20th century the lot was split into two parcels. Parcel 2, on which it is presumed that the subject structure stands, is not shown in the tax records as again having improvements until 1912. Although local informants have suggested that the Post store/dwelling was erected in the 1890s (Gordon and Nell Hall 1981, pers. comm.), the general appearance of the structure in addition to the fact that it was built using only wire nails suggests that it dates from the early 20th century. A construction date of ca. 1912 certainly is reasonable.

From 1905 until ca. 1914 the building was owned by Emma Craig who is remembered for having operated a one room millinery shop on the premises until after World War I when she moved to Parkersburg, West Virginia (Lawrence G. Smith 1981, pers. comm.).

Shortly after the Craig occupancy, the structure was purchased by W. L. Post.

It is not known whether Post ran a business from the structure, used it as a dwelling or simply rented it to tenants. The division of the structure into two rooms is

TABLE  
Ownership of Tract 1539

Grantor	Grantee	Date of Transaction	Cost	Acreage	Reference	Comments
Joseph Fisher & Freda M. Fisher	Vicki Bowen & Dana Bowen	20 Aug. 1974	\$10.00	parts of Lot 4 plus separate parcel	<u>Lewis County Deed Book 343: 688</u>	Vicki Bowen is daughter of Joseph & Freda Fisher
Lorraine Delbridge & Sidney Delbridge	Joseph Fisher & Freda Fisher	31 Jan. 1974	\$10.00	parts of Lot 4 plus separate parcel	<u>Lewis County Deed Book 339: 358</u>	
Vivian Heflin (widow)	Lorraine Delbridge & Raymond Heflin	30 Aug. 1961	\$1.00	parts of Lot 4 plus separate parcel	<u>Lewis County Deed Book 272: 493</u>	
Guy R. Post & Gloria Post Mary Post Hull & J.R. Hull (husband) Opal J. Burk & H. D. Birk (husband) Virginia Post Hersmane & Gilbert J. Hersmane (husband) Alice Post George Post Karl Post	Vivian Gertrude Heflin	15 Aug. 1925		part of Lot 4	<u>Lewis County Deed Book 123: 12</u>	W. L. Post died intestate 25 Nov. 1920, leaving widow Hanna Post and children Guy Post, Mary Post Hull, Opal Burk, Virginia Hersmane, Alice Post, George Post, Karl Post and Vivian Heflin to survive him. Hannah Post relinquished her rights to the aforementioned parcel of land (transaction not recorded)
Mary A. Mullooly	Vivian G. Heflin & Roscoe F. Heflin (husband)	30 July 1929	\$5.00	part of Lot 4	<u>Lewis County Deed Book 135: 153</u>	Between the purchases in 1925 & 1929 the Heflins appear to have become owners of both parts of lot as it was previously listed

Table (cont.)

Grantor	Grantee	Date of Transaction	Cost	Acreage	Reference	Comments
Mrs. Georgia S. Knight	W. L. Post	15 Aug. 1915	\$250.00	part of Lot 4	Lewis County Deed Book 90: 23	This chain of ownership for part of the lot is found in the tax records for 1905-1926 under Emma E. Craig, Georgia S. Knight and W. L. Post
Emma E. Davison & Presley A. Davison	Mrs. Georgia S. Knight	11 May 1914	\$100.00	part of Lot 4	Lewis County Deed Book 87: 271	
Mary A. Mullooly & T. F. Mullooly (husband)	Emma E. Craig	11 March 1905	\$20.00	part of Lot 4	Lewis County Deed Book 57: 360	
Mary A. Mullooly	Emma E. Craig	12 Aug. 1911	\$15.00	part of Lot 4	Lewis County Deed Book 72: 305	The ownership for this part of the lot is found in the tax records for 1905-1926 under Mullooly
Harry Waldo & Carrie M. Waldo	Mary A. Mullooly	9 May 1900	\$175.00	1/2 Lot 4	Lewis County Deed Book 38: 53	
W. W. Brannon, Special Commissioner of Lewis County Circuit Court	Mary A. Mullooly	5 Nov. 1903	\$200.00	1/2 Lot 4	Lewis County Deed Book 53: 486	Chancery suit - J. I. Alexander (defendant), Bettie A. Waldo (plaintiff)
Henry Brannon, Special Commissioner of Lewis County Circuit Court	Elizabeth Waldo	30 Aug. 1877	\$347.50	Lot 4 (70 poles)	Lewis County Deed Book 9: 103	Chancery suit - Isaac Waldo (defendant), David Goff (plaintiff)
Henry Brannon, Special Commissioner of Lewis County Circuit Court	Isaac Waldo	3 Aug. 1874			Lewis County Deed Book 7: 525	Chancery suit - Isaac Waldo (defendant), David Goff (plaintiff). A suit precipitated from a land sale between Draper C. Mitchell, William J. Godfrey and Isaac Waldo

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Grantor	Grantee	Date of Transaction	Cost	Acreage	Reference	Comments
Joseph Hall	William J. Godfrey & Draper C. Mitchell	4 March 1873	\$100.00	4	Lewis County Deed Book 6: 501	
Michael G. Bush & Amelia Bush (wife)	Joseph Hall	20 Sept. 1847	\$1,100.00	86	Lewis County Deed Book N: 59	
John Sprigg & Elizabeth Sprigg (wife)	Michael G. Bush	23 Dec. 1825	\$1,200.00	91	Lewis County Deed Book C: 233	

TABLE  
Tax Record for Tract 1539

Name	Year	Land	Value per Acre	Value of Land	Value of Improvement	Total Value	Comments
John Sprigg	1817	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$ .50			\$155.00	
	*1818						
	1819	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$ .50		\$150.00	\$400.00	
	1820-1823	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$3.50		\$131.25	\$1,085.00	
Michael G. Bush	1824-1826	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$3.50			\$1,085.00	
	1827	20 acres West Fork	\$3.50			\$70.00	From John Sprigg
	1828-1833	91 acres West Fork	\$5.70		\$200.20	\$518.70	
	1834	91 acres West Fork	\$5.70			\$518.70	
Joseph Hall	*1835						
	1836-1839	91 acres West Fork	\$5.70		\$200.20	\$518.70	
	1840-1847	91 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$910.00	
	1848	86 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$860.00	From Michael G. Bush
	1849	86 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$860.00	
	*1850						
	1851	86 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$860.00	
	*1852-1853						
	1854-1855	85 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$850.00	
	1856	85 acres West Fork	\$11.00		\$350.00	\$850.00	
	1857-1858	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$600.00	\$1,105.00	
	*1859						
	1860	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$600.00	\$1,105.00	
	*1861						
	1862-1867	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$600.00	\$1,105.00	
	*1868-1869						
	1870-1872	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$600.00	\$1,105.00	
	1873-1874	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$400.00	\$1,105.00	
	*1875						No listing for Godfrey and Mitchell

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Name	Year	Land	Value per Acre	Value of Land	Value of Improvement	Total Value	Comments
Elizabeth Waldo	1876-1882	Lot # (70 poles)				\$30.00	
	1883-1892	Lot # (70 poles)			\$150.00	\$230.00	
	1893-1899	Lot # (70 poles)			\$110.00	\$275.00	
	1900-1903	Lot # (70 poles)				\$250.00	
Mary A. Mullooly	1904	Lot # (70 poles)				\$250.00	
FOR THE PERIOD CA. 1905-1926 TAXATION AND OWNERSHIP OF THE LOT WERE SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS							
PART 1							
Mary Mullooly	1905	Part, Lot #				\$150.00	
	*1906-1914						
	1915-1919	Lot #		\$200.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	
	1920	Lot		\$400.00		\$400.00	
	*1921			\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	Presumably, "Lot" refers to Lot #
	1922-1926	Lot #		\$200.00	\$700.00	\$900.00	Lot # not listed
PART 2							
Emma E. Craig	1905	Part, Lot #, Roanoke				\$150.00	
	1906-1912	Part, Lot #, Roanoke		\$20.00		\$20.00	
	1913-1914	Part, Lot #, Roanoke		\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	
George Knight	1915	Part, Lot #, Roanoke		\$50.00		\$50.00	
W. L. Post	1916	2 strips		\$50.00		\$50.00	
	1917-1920	2 strips		\$50.00		\$50.00	
	1921-1923	2 strips		\$100.00		\$100.00	
	1924-1925	2 strips		\$30.00		\$30.00	
	1926	2 strips		\$100.00		\$100.00	

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Name	Year	Land	Value per Acre	Value of Land	Value of Improvement	Total Value	Comments
Vivian Heflin	1927	2 strips, Roanoke		\$100.00		\$100.00	1930, Mary Mullooly
	1928-1930	2 strips, Roanoke		\$80.00		\$80.00	
	1931	2 strips, Roanoke		\$10.00		\$10.00	
	1932	2 strips, Roanoke		\$10.00		\$10.00	
	1933	2 strips		\$10.00		\$10.00	
	1934-1935	2 strips		\$40.00		\$40.00	
	1936	2 strips		\$10.00		\$10.00	
	1937-1962	2 strips		\$40.00		\$40.00	
	1963-1967	2 strips		\$40.00		\$40.00	
	1968-1974	2 strips		\$70.00		\$70.00	
Lorraine Delbridge & Sidney Delbridge							
Joseph Fisher & Freda Fisher	1975 1976-1978	2 strips Strip, Lot 4		\$70.00 \$50.00		\$70.00 \$50.00	

\*Records Missing.



thought to have taken place after Miss Craig left the structure, however. During the 1920s, Jim Shackelford operated a barber shop in the front room (Room 1) and a restaurant at the rear. Some residents of Roanoke recall that each noon, Shackelford would close his barber shop and restaurant and, after hanging his "out to lunch" sign on the door, go home to eat (Oliver "Peck" Posey 1981, pers. comm.).

In the late 1920s, the structure became part of the property of Vivian and Roscoe Heflin. Heflin, a World War I veteran, had built a plain one story gambrel-roofed dwelling a few feet away from the Craig millinery shop in the early 1900s. In 1928, he remodeled the shop into a dwelling which he and his wife rented (Bertha Brinkley 1981, pers. comm.).

After Roscoe Heflin's death, his widow sold the property in 1974 to Raymond Heflin and Lorraine (Delbridge) Heflin. How they utilized it is not known. In 1974 they sold it to their daughter and son-in-law, Vicki (Delbridge) Bowen and Dana Bowen.

The Bowens, who lived in the old Roscoe Heflin dwelling until it burned in 1967, used the old millinery shop for storage purposes after they rebuilt their home (Bertha Brinkley 1981, pers. comm.). The property subsequently was sold to Joseph and Freda Fisher in 1974 who retained ownership until the property was purchased by the U.S. Government.

#### Architectural Information:

General Description: The Post store/dwelling is a one story, two bay frame (clapboard siding) structure with a shed roof; a small porch is attached to the south elevation of the structure.

#### Exterior Description :

Overall Dimensions: 16'5" x 20'6".

Foundation: The foundation consists of three 6" x 6" to 8" x 8" wooden piers along all four sides of the structure; there is a concrete block pier at the southeast corner.

Walls: The walls are composed of clapboards painted white and applied with wire nails; access door to the crawl space "attic" is on the south exterior wall.

Framing: This is composed of light timber framing 2" x 4" studs on 17"-19" centers.

Porch: There is no porch across the west or front elevation; the "front" door is reached by ascending one concrete step (33" wide x 15" tread x 8" high) plus a riser of 10"; a 3' wide concrete sidewalk leads from the step to a 3'8" wide concrete sidewalk which passes the front (i.e., west) of the dwelling and which ends at the north side of the structure. On the south wall, a 6'2" wide x 8'3" long porch is located at the rear door; the deteriorated deck, raised on concrete piers at the southeast and southwest corners and hung from the structure, consists of 5"-1" wide unpainted boards; two white-painted 4" x 4" columns support a shed roof covered by rolled roofing.

Chimney: A small stove pipe protrudes through the south wall from the "attic" area.

Roof: The shed roof is covered with sheet metal roofing overlayed with asphalt rolled roofing and then by felt paper.

Interior Description: Room 1 (Room numbers are keyed to floor plan on page 16)

Function: living room (formerly a barbershop).

Dimensions: 9'1 1/2" x 15'6"; 8'11" ceiling.

TABLE  
Tract 1539: Door Details

Position	Opening	Style	Hinge	Latch/Lock	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim	Threshold
Room 1 to Exterior	2'8 7/8" x 6'7 1/2" (previous door height was 6'9 1/2")	5 panel (modern)	3 1/2" pin butt	mortise lock (modern)	5 3/4" mold (Figure 322)	4" plain boards (Figure 322)	yes
Room 1 to Room 2	3'3 1/2" x 6'7 1/2"	passageway	—	—	3 1/2" plain boards	3 1/2" plain boards	no
Room 1 to Room 3	3'4 1/2" x 6'8"	passageway	—	—	3 1/2" plain boards	3 1/2" plain boards	no
Room 2 to Exterior	2'7 1/2" x 6'6 1/2"	4 panel	3" pin butt	mortise lock; rim lock dead bolt (modern); previously a sliding bolt	4 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards	?

TABLE  
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Position	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
WEST WALL Left to right	double hung	30" x 62"	12 1/2" x 28 1/4"	2/2	slip	5 3/4" mold (Figure 322)	4" plain boards
	double hung	30" x 62"	12 1/2" x 28 1/4"	2/2	slip	5 3/4" mold	4" plain boards
NORTH WALL Left to right	double hung	30" x 62"	12 1/2" x 28 1/4"	2/2	slip	5 3/4" mold	4" plain boards
	double hung	30" x 62"	12 1/2" x 28 1/4"	2/2	slip	5 3/4" mold	4" plain boards
EAST WALL	single sash	29 1/2" x 33"	12 1/4" x 30 1/4"	1/1	slip	5 1/2"	4" plain boards
	There is a now closed window opening centrally located along the wall that measures 31 1/2" x 68".						
SOUTH WALL	attic access	20" x 20"	closed	—	—	—	3" plain boards

Wallcovering: 1'2"-1'3" wide plain boards covered with wallpaper; subsequently covered with fiber board and then papered but more recently painted sandalwood.

Floorcovering: 2 1/4"-3 1/2" plain boards; covered in central area with linoleum; area beyond linoleum painted dark yellow-brown.

Ceiling: 6 1/2" plain boards covered with wallpaper but more recently with fiber board; painted white.

Baseboard: 5" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: gas connection through floor near south wall; gas exhaust pipe through south wall.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; switch on west wall adjacent to door; duplex outlet on west wall.

#### Interior Description: Room 2

Function: kitchen (formerly part of restaurant).

Dimensions: 7'7 1/2" x 10'2 1/2"; 8'8" ceiling.

Wallcovering: 1'2"-1'3" wide plain boards covered with wallpaper; subsequently covered with fiber board and then papered but more recently painted blue-green.

Floorcovering: 2 1/4"-3 1/2" plain boards covered with linoleum.

Ceiling: 6 1/2" plain boards covered with wallpaper but more recently with fiber board; painted white.

Baseboard: 5 1/2" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: gas connection through floor immediately below window.

Fireplace: none

Plumbing: sink along wall at north end of room.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; switch on south wall adjacent to door; duplex outlets on south wall to left and right of door.

#### Interior Description: Room 3

Function: bedroom.

Dimensions: 7'9" x 10'3"; 8' ceiling.

Wallcovering: 1'2"-1'3" wide boards covered with wallpaper; subsequently covered with fiber board; painted blue-green.

Floorcovering: 2 1/4"-3 1/2" plain boards covered with linoleum.

Ceiling: 6 1/2" plain boards covered with wallpaper but more recently with fiber board; painted white.

Baseboard: 5 1/4" plain boards; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture with pullchain; duplex outlet on north wall.

#### Site:

#### General Setting and Orientation :

The Post store/dwelling is situated ca. 9' east of West Virginia County Route 19/24, and the lot is bordered on the south by the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge, on the east by the West Fork River and on the north by a (now) vacant plot of land.

Historic Landscape Design: The previous appearance of the landscape is impossible to determine accurately as the structure was vacant for some time prior to its recording in 1981; it is overgrown with grass and weeds, and many plantings have been removed. Along the south wall there are privet (Ligustrum sp.) shrubs; adjacent to the "front" on the west elevation there is a buddelia (Buddelia sp.) bush; a live-for-ever (Anaphalis sp.) plant grows immediately south of the front step.

Outbuildings: none.

For project information and bibliography, see ROANOKE HABS No. WV-209.

For other structures in the Roanoke area, see HABS No.s WV-209-A -S.

The report from which this HABS documentation was prepared, along with field notes and over 90 hours of interview tapes, will be archived at the University of West Virginia, Morgantown, West Virginia.



store.  
Route 19/24.

Perspective control photograph of the west elevation of the Post  
This elevation of the structure fronts on West Virginia County



store

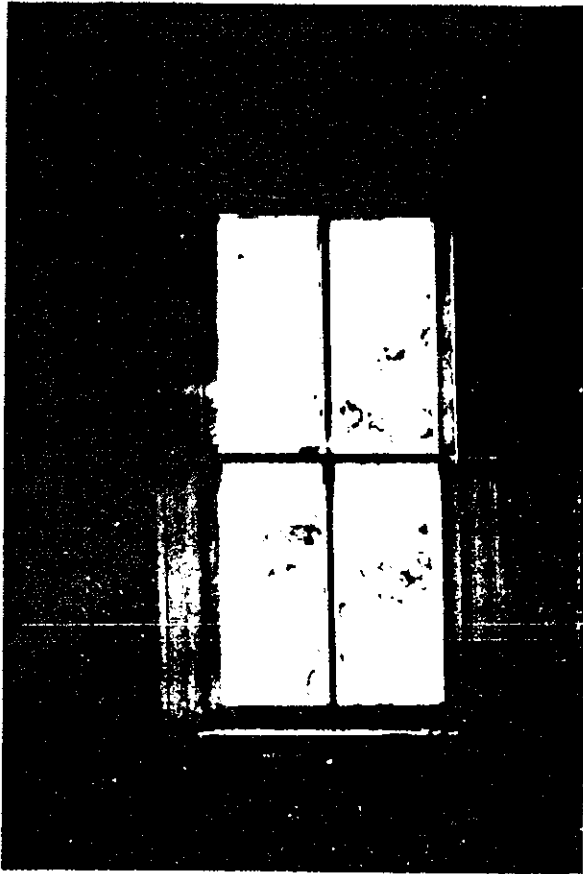
Perspective control photograph of the west and north elevations of the Post  
in 1981.



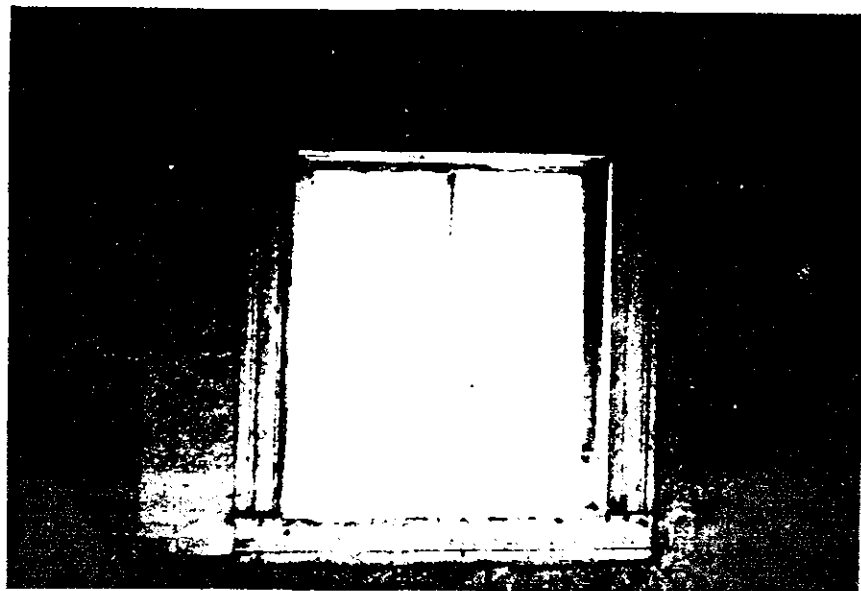
Perspective control photograph of the east and south elevations of the Post



Perspective control photograph of the south elevation of the Post store

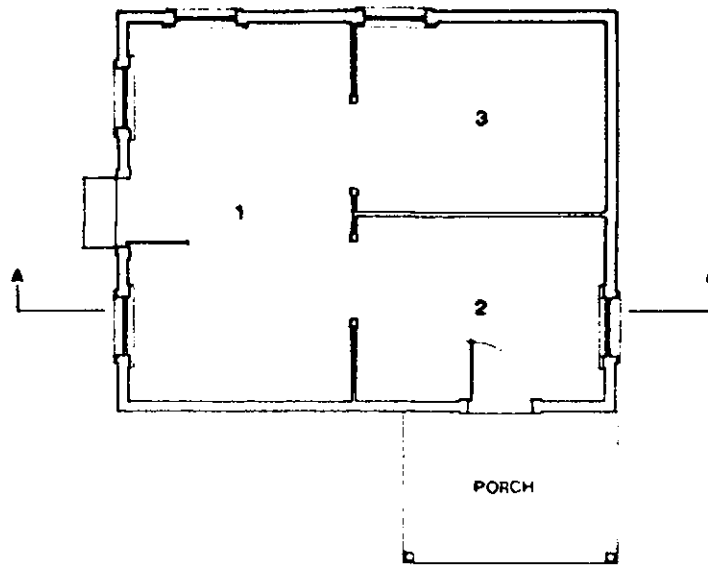


Close-up of 2/2 double  
hung sash window in the north wall of  
Room 1 of the Post store in  
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this window style is  
typical of those found in the structure.

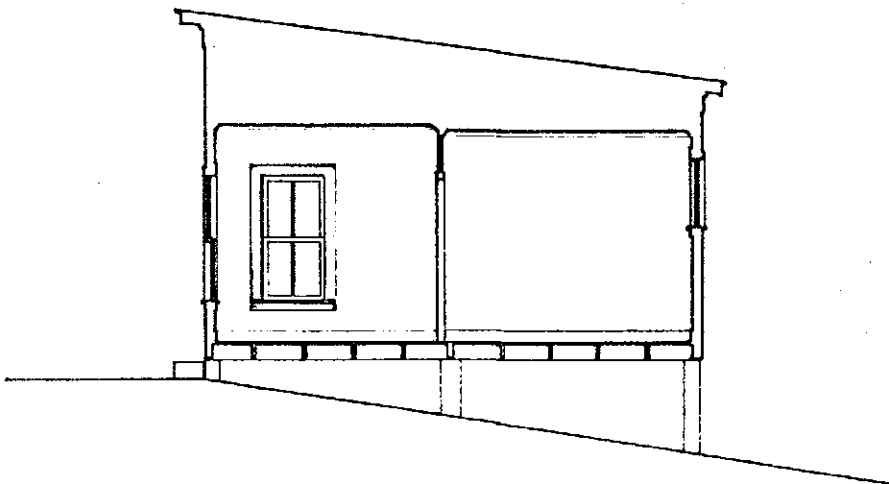


Close-up of single sash window in the east wall of Room 2 of the Post store





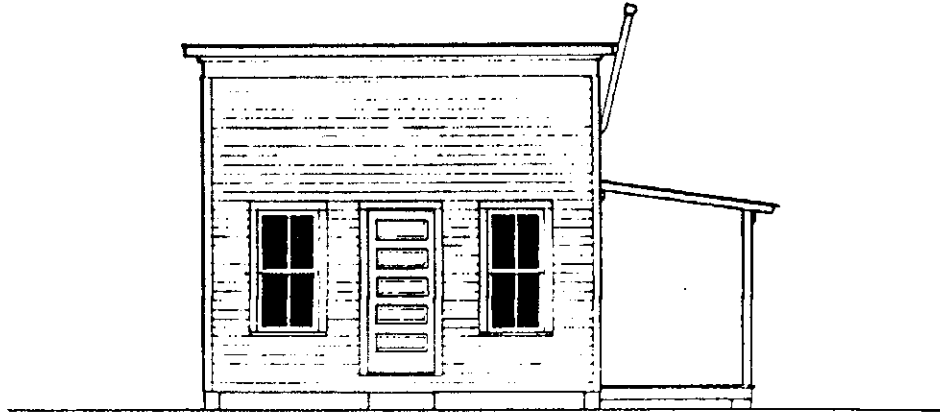
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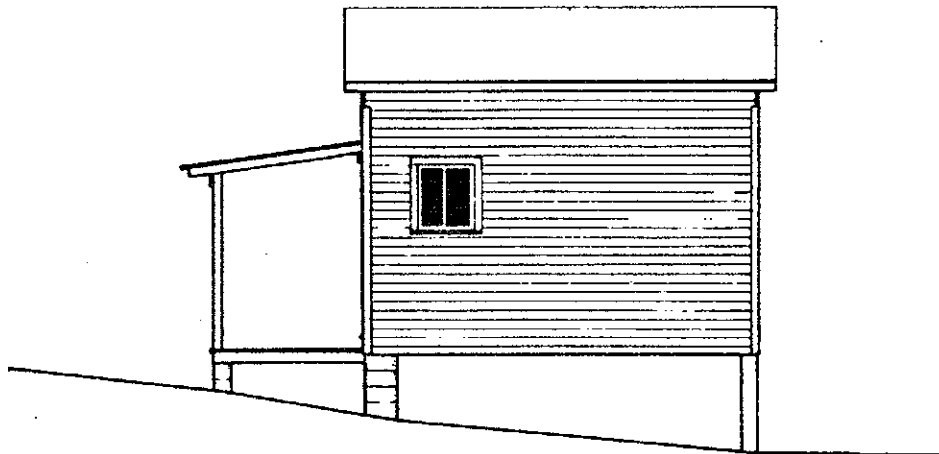
SECTION A-A



Floor plan and longitudinal section (A-A) through the Post store



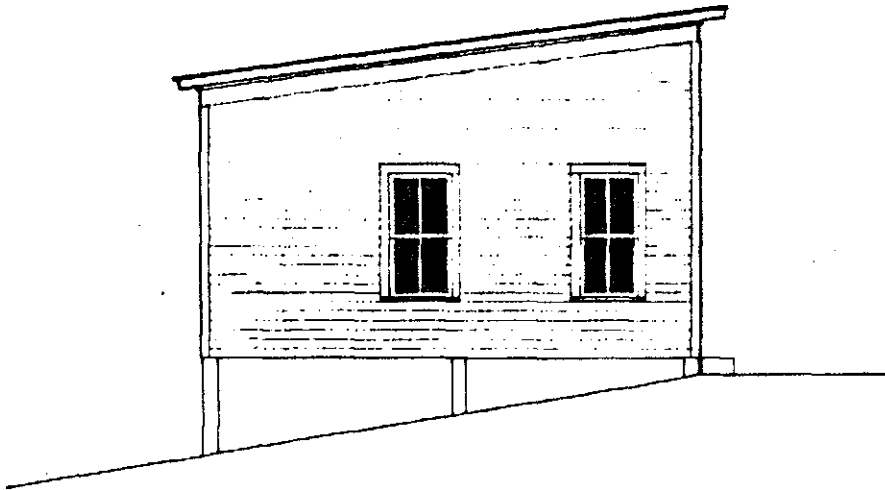
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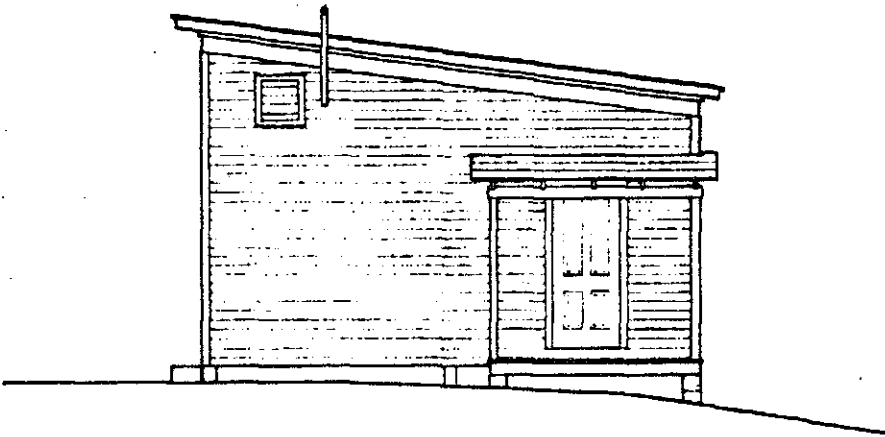
EAST ELEVATION



West and east elevations of the Post store



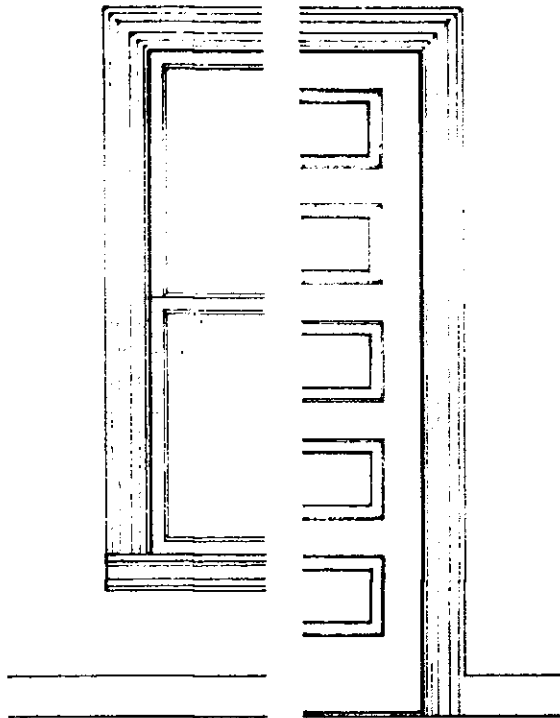
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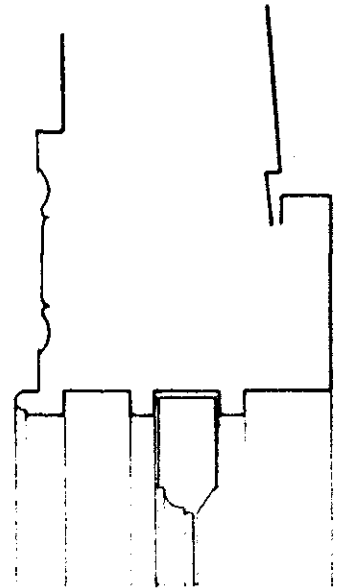
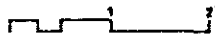
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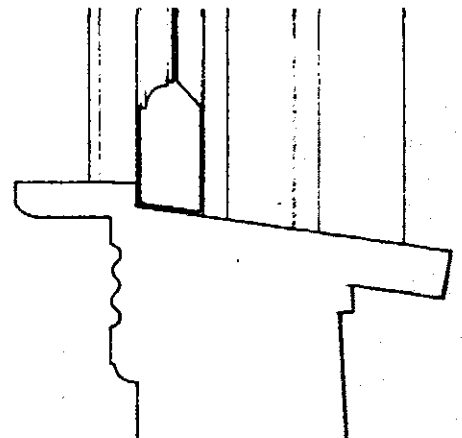
North and south elevations of the Post store



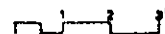
TYPICAL WINDOW & DOOR



TYPICAL WINDOW & DOOR MOLDING  
(SHOWING HEAD CONDITION)



TYPICAL WINDOW SILL



Typical architectural details of the Post store